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After the rent-reduction and antidespot movements had greatly weakened the fleeing feudalistic elements and destroyed the overbearing attitude of the landlord class, the peasants of the various nationalities obtained great economic benefits; their political and class consciousness was elevated; their unity was strengthened; and a good basis for carrying out land reform was laid.

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According to statistics, 70 to 80 percent of peasants in the Sinkiang areas carrying out rent-reduction have achieved great results and have been able to increase their production. On the average, each family harvested 300 to 400 catties of wheat this year; the largest single harvest was 20,000 catties.

In the past, the relations between the Russians and Kazakhs living in the second haing of the fourth sh'u in Ho-erh-kuo-sui were bad. When the government team arrived, the two groups would not voluntarily sit at the same conference table. After they were inculcated with the class concept of "peasants of all nationalities belong to one family" and with the principles of unity, mutual aid, and cooperation among the nationalities, they not only held conferences together, but acted as one in their struggle. Moreover, like one big family, they strove to increase production.

With the struggle for rent reduction and the struggle against the despots carried out victoriously, production activities among the peasants increased, and simultaneously they requested participation in political and cultural studies.

All the minority nationalities, with absolute sincerity support Chairman Mao, the party, the Central People's Government, and the People's Liberation Army. People everywhere praise Chairman Mao. In the large farming villages you can hear students of various nationalities in the schools singing in their own dialects songs in praise of Chairman Mao.

One of the universally popular songs in Sinkiang goes like this: "Take the trees under heaven and make them into pencils; take the leaves of the trees and make them into paper; take the people under heaven and make them authors who will write endlessly of the graciousness of Chairman Mao."

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